DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Railroad Administration

Agency Request for Emergency Processing of Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget

[Docket No. FRA-2015-0007-N-7]

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), United States Department of

Transportation (USDOT)

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: FRA hereby gives notice that it is submitting the following Information Collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. FRA requests that OMB authorize the collection of information identified below immediately upon publication of this Notice for a period of 180 days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by telephoning FRA's Office of Safety Clearance Officer: Robert Brogan (tel. (202) 493-6292) or FRA's Office of Administration Clearance Officer: Kimberly Toone (tel. (202) 493-6132) (these numbers are not toll-free:; or by contacting Mr. Brogan via facsimile at (202) 493-6216 or Ms. Toone via facsimile at (202) 493-6497, or via e-mail by contacting Mr. Brogan at Robert.Brogan@dot.gov; or by contacting Ms. Toone at Kim.Toone@dot.gov. Comments and questions about the ICR identified below should be directed to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: FRA OMB Desk Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FRA is issuing Emergency Order No. 30 (EO or Order) to require that trains transporting large amounts of Class 3 flammable liquid through certain highly populated areas adhere to a maximum authorized operating speed limit. FRA has determined that public safety compels issuance of the Order. The Order is necessary due to the recent occurrence of railroad accidents involving trains transporting petroleum crude oil and ethanol and the increasing reliance on railroads to transport voluminous amounts of those hazardous materials in recent years. Under the EO, an affected train is one that contains: (1) 20 or more loaded tank cars in a continuous block, or 35 or more loaded tank cars, of Class 3 flammable liquid; and (2) at least one DOT Specification 111 (DOT-111) tank car (including those built in accordance with Association of American Railroads (AAR) Casualty Prevention Circular 1232 (CPC-1232)) loaded with a Class 3 flammable liquid. Affected trains must not exceed 40 miles per hour (mph) in high-threat urban areas (HTUAs) as defined in 49 CFR 1580.3. This Order takes effect immediately.

Title: FRA Emergency Order No. 30, Notice No.1

Reporting Burden:

| Emergency Order | Respondent | Total Annual | Average Time per | Total Annual |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Item No.30 | Universe | Responses | Response | Burden Hours |
| (1) Petitions for Special Approval to Take Actions <u>Not</u> in Accordance with This Order | 70 Railroads | 25 Petitions | 40 hours | 1,000 hours |

Form Number(s): N/A

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Respondent Universe: 70 Railroads

Frequency of Submission: One-time; on occasion

Total Estimated Responses: 25

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours

Status: Emergency Review

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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